



**September 2011**

## **FLMC HOSTING CHARITY BENEFIT OPEN CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW October 22, 2011**

**Our next big club show on October 22, 2011 at Maroone Ford. This show should be bigger and better than ever as it is our second "open" car show. We welcome all years and all variants of anything that rolls. Vendors are welcome as well! We wanna see it all!!**

**Once again, all net profits from the show will benefit the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center in Fort Lauderdale. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.**

- **To download the flyer, click [here](#)**
- **To download the paper Pre-Registration form, click [here](#)**
- **To Pre-Register and pay on-line, click [here](#)**
- **To visit the show's web page, click [here](#)**

**We are seeking donation of items for 100 goodie bags as well as for our silent auction and Chinese auction. Please bring any donations to the October meeting and the Mustang Fillies will take care of the rest. We use the donated items to make gift baskets, restaurant outings, etc. Items that make good donations:**

**Restaurant Gift Certificates  
Hotel Stays  
Gourmet Food Items  
Beer  
Wine  
Liquor**

**Beauty Products  
Car Care Products  
Hats  
T-Shirts  
Baskets**

**WE NEED BOWS, CLEAR BASKET WRAP AND LARGE BSAKETS FOR THE BASKET MAKING PARTY**

**OCTOBER 15, 2011, 1:00 PM**

**Shirley Lyon's Residence  
2040 SW 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Plantation, FL 33317  
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**ITEMS ALREADY DONATED INCLUDE: \$100 Bonefish Grill gift certificate, Dinner for 2 at Ft. Lauderdale Ale House, \$50 Bru's Room gift certificate, \$25 Tijuana Taxi gift certificate, \$20 Catfish Dewy's gift certificate; \$20 Roosters gift certificate, 2 night stay at Matanzas Inn in Ft Myers Beach, Admissions to Butterfly World, Stranahan House, Museum of Science and Discovery, Neon bar sign, Blue Ray Player, Set of 4 Tires, \$100 Total Wine gift certificate and an annual membership to the Museum of Art!**

**There will be no goodie basket stuffing party this year, as we have very little to stuff into the goodie bags. This is very sad, as we are normally known for big fat goodie bags.**

**The club will target the following two October shows:**

**October 1, 2011 – 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Buffalo's Southwest Café – Coral Springs  
5761 Coral Ridge Drive  
Coral Springs, FL 33076**

**Meet at John and Marci Stringert's home (1222 NW 83 Ave, Coral Springs FL 33071) at 5:15 pm. Caravan to cruise-in leaves at 5:30 sharp! 15% menu discount, food and drink specials, live DJ**

**October 16, 2011 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Lefty-s Halloween Spooktakular Open Car & Truck Show  
Lefty's West Tavern and Grill, 11300 W State Road 84 (Hiatus & 595) Davie, FL  
Registration \$15, Top 52 awards, 3 Specialty Awards, 5 Best of Show, Flat Screen TV Raffle, Best Club Decorated Display (15 cars or more) \$100-1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$50-2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$25-3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO ATTEND EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE SHOWS. WE NEED TO GET OUT AND PARTICIPATE IN OTHER CLUB SHOWS!! If you attend another show, be sure to hand out flyers for our October 22 show!**

## My Mustang

The Phoenix Project:

by: Ralph Wethli

Not the Arizona Capital. I compare the 10 year restoration of my 66 Mustang to the mythological bird that rose from the ashes fully restored and ready to fly. The 60's were a time of financial down turn at our house. When Ford introduced the Mustang in 1964, I was hooked. But I was also flying for a non-sched freight only airline in Detroit Michigan. We flew and were paid only when the company garnered a plane load of freight to be delivered. We actually had some deliveries from the Ford Factory. I recall a flight to Mexico City with a max load of Ford rear axle assemblies on a DC 6.\* Meeting the mortgage on our home was a challenge. Car payments were out of the question. But my desire for a new Mustang never abated.

By 1966 I was flying for a major commercial airline in Miami, things were looking up. But we still had to play financial catch up. Come the 70's, two children in college, more financial load. My dear wife knew my heart's desire and suggested a used Mustang. Yes, why not, especially when in 1976 she found one in the classified. A 1966 Mustang convertible for \$200.00....Now that I can swing! The Mustang craze as we now know it now was not generally known at that time. At its south Miami location, I found it under a large tree. Top rotted off. Rain and weather had ruined the interior. Tree leaves covered what remained. Some previous owner had brush painted it with what looked like "Pond Scum Green". I made a 360 walk around and headed back to my car, regretting my long drive. The owner called out "Hey mister the tires alone are worth \$200.00". They were not but it was enough to turn me around for a closer assessment. This time I noted that it was what a body man would call a "Strait Car". No indication of collision damage. Also all original pieces were there and in place. Its possibility and my estimated capability solidified.

We had to tow it home. The 289 engine would run, but the transmission was useless. The brakes were also near non-existent. Even the parking brake cables had been intentionally severed so that some previous owner could couple them to a boat trailer. He could thereby apply the trailer brake handle. Real swift? This Pony had really been ridden hard and put away wet.

The next ten years of restoration, learning and surprises is a subject for another news letter report. By 1986 I considered it to be show worthy. Its before and after is why I called it the Phoenix Project. I joined the Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club in 1987. At local shows it was usually a 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner. I painted it myself in my single car garage for less than \$100.00 worth of paint. It could not compete with cars that had \$3,000.00 and up professional paint jobs.

For the past 10 years I display only. It's gratifying to be recognized but I do not want anymore trophies. They soon become a storage problem. As I reported in my previous article it was a fun project at the time. To think of it now is enough to make me tired.

\*DC6 next to the last of the large piston powered propeller driven four engine transport aircraft. DC7 very similar with larger engines. DC8 first of the Jet Age.



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 1, 2011 - CLUB TARGETED EVENT** We Need Something to Do Cruise Night. 6 - 9 pm. Buffalo's Southwest Cafe, 5761 Coral Ridge Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33076. *We will meet up at John & Marci's house at 5:30 pm.*

**October 2, 2011** - Seminole Hard Rock Classic Car Show. 10 - 4 pm. Free. Open Show. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

**October 9, 2011** - Benefit Classic Car Show. Benefiting American Cancer Society. 11 - 4 pm. Deerfield Beach.

**October 14-16, 2011** - NSRA Southeast Street Rod Nationals and Swap Meet. Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa. 7 am - 5 pm Friday & Saturday, 7 am - 3 pm Sunday. Sponsored by Tampa Knights Rods & Customs.

**October 16, 2011 - CLUB TARGETED EVENT** Lefty's Halloween Open Car & Truck Show. 10 - 4. 11300 West SR 84, Davie. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

**October 22, 2011 - Fort Lauderdale Mustang Club's Annual Charity Benefit Open Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show** at Maroone Ford, Fort Lauderdale. All net proceeds benefit the [Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center](#). Please see the following links:

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**October 29, 2011 - Happy Haunted Hula-ween** - Halloween Party - John & Marci Stringert's home. 7:00 pm - ????. RSVP 954-575-3939. Haunting Island music performed 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Try to carpool, as parking is somewhat limited. Dress in your scariest island garb!

**October 29, 2011** - Birdstock 2011. A South Florida Baby Boomer Celebration. Classic Car Cruise-In (1980 & older). Tropical Park Equestrian Center 7900 SW 40th Street, Miami, FL. Noon - 10 pm. Six bands, craft fair, Texas Hold 'Em tournament, vendors, local cuisine, craft show, etc. \$65 admission, but if you bring a classic car \$45/person or \$80/couple. Proceeds benefit curing Alzheimer's Disease. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

**October 29, 2011** - 9th Annual Halloween Rod Run. Huizinga Park, Fort Lauderdale. 10 - 4 pm. Top 30 awards. Live entertainment. Pre-registration party & BBQ on Friday at Keiths Rods & Customs 1125 NE 9th Ave, Fort Lauderdale 5-9 pm.

**October 29, 2011** - [30th Anniversary Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup](#) Tampa, Florida. Mustang Club of Tampa presents **30th Anniversary Mustang, Shelby and Ford Roundup**, October 29, 2011 at Museum of Science & Industry (MOSI) in Tampa, Florida. Event hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration is open 8:00 am to 10:00 am. The registration fee is \$30.00. Register by October 22, 2011 at \$25.00. For more information visit [www.mustangcluboftampa.com](http://www.mustangcluboftampa.com).

**October 30, 2011** - Halloween Classic Car Show. Sunrise Elks Club. Russ G Events.

**November 5, 2011** - New Covenant Church Benefit Show. 10 am - 3 pm. 3311 North Andrews Ave Extension. Benefits 4Kids of South Florida.

**November 5, 2011** - Teamsters 769 3rd Annual Car Show & Picnic. 12 - 4:30 pm. Markham Park 16001 West SR 84, Sunrise. \$25, includes food and drinks for one person: chicken, ribs, beer & soda. Unlimited hamburgers & hotdogs. \$10 for extra meal ticket. Proceeds to benefit Feeding South Florida.

**November 19, 2011** - Oceans Eleven Beach Cruise. Hollywood, Scott Street at the Ocean. 5 - 9 pm. Free.

**December 3, 2011** - Toys for Tots Annual Benefit Classic Car Show. Pompano Beach. 11 - 4 pm. Hosted by AACA Fort Lauderdale.

**December 4, 2011** - Florida Hot Rods & Hogs. Lee Civic Center, Fort Myers. 9:00 am - 4 pm. "Florida's Largest Single Day Car & Bike Show." 105 acres of show cars and bikes.

**December 4, 2011** - Festival 6th Annual Holiday Classic & Foreign Car Mega Show. 10 am - 4 pm. Festival Flea Market. Pompano Beach. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

**December 11, 2011** - Toys in the Sun 24th Annual Bike Run & Classic Car Show. Hosted by Cruisers of South Florida. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

**January 7-8, 2012** - 18th Annual National Parts Depot Mustang Round Up. Silver Springs Ocala. **THE** biggest Mustang Event in Florida!! First 1000 cars registered receive free park entry for driver + 2 passengers. Check out [NPD's](#) website for more information. A block of rooms has been set aside at the Country Inn & Suites in Ocala for nights of Friday January 6 and Saturday January 7. The price is \$65 per room (plus tax). You must reserve your room directly with them at 352-237-0715. The block number is 0106STLAMU for the Ft. Lauderdale Mustang Club. They promise to block off parking spaces for us so we won't have problems parking like last year. More info to follow about caravanning up to the show.

**January 8, 2012** - Renegade Corvette Club Open Show - 10 am - 4 pm. Ed Morse Chevrolet 14401 West Sunrise Blvd. Dash plaques and T-shirt for first 100 vehicles, Top 40 awards, Top 30 Corvettes, DJ, Door Prizes. Click [here](#) for the flyer.